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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, GROUP OF 77 AND GROUP B (DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) FINALLY REACHED AGREEMENT ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF THREE NEGOTIATING GROUPS, WHICH WILL BEGIN MEETING MARCH 16. GROUP I (OBJECTIVES AND MODE OF OPERATIONS) WILL BE CHAIRED BY THOMAS TSCHERNING OF SWEDEN. GROUP II (FINANCIAL MATTERS) WILL BE CHAIRED BY AHMED EL TIGANI SALEH OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND GROUP III (DECISION-MAKING AND FUND MANAGEMENT) WILL BE CHAIRED BY AMBASSADOR JOSEPH MULIRO OF KENYA.

2. ALSO ELECTED AS OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE ON MARCH 15 WERE 14 VICE PRESIDENTS - WITH SIX FROM THE G-77 (BANGLADESH, EGYPT, COLOMBIA, INDONESIA, MEXICO AND TANZANIA); FIVE FROM GROUP B (U.S.A.-BOERNER, SWITZERLAND, JAPAN, UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA); TWO FROM GROUP D (CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY) AND ONE FROM CHINA.

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3. ONE PROCEDURAL ISSUE STILL UNRESOLVED IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) ADMITTED AS OBSERVERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE WRITTEN OR ORAL STATEMENTS AT THIS CONFERENCE. (SEE GENEVA 1504.) GROUP B IS HOLDING FIRMLY TO POSITION THAT NGOS BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE AT UN CONFERENCES.

4. IT HAS ALSO BEEN AGREED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD MAY MAKE WRITTEN OR ORAL STATEMENTS TO THE CONFERENCE WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE PRESIDENT. (THE G-77 ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THAT THE SYG ONLY MAKE STATEMENTS UPON REQUEST, PROBABLY BECAUSE THE G-77 WANTED THE SYG TO PLAY A LESS ACTIVE ROLE AT THIS CONFERENCE THAN AT UNCTAD IV.)

5. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAS ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH SAME MEMBERS AS AT 31ST UNGA: CHINA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, IVORY COAST, MALAYSIA, NETHERLANDS, USSR, USA, AND ZAMBIA. AT THIS POINT USDEL DOES NOT FORESEE ANY CREDENTIALS PROBLEMS DEVELOPING AT THIS CONFERENCE.SORENSEN

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